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PREPARATION OF DRUGSCERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

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Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants respectfully request a three-month Extension of Time to September 10, 2004 for filing a response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004 which set a three-month period for response which was set to expire on June 10, 2004 and which was previously extended to August 10, 2004 by the Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which was filed on August 5, 2004.

In lieu of a response, applicants are filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) on even date herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$530.00 (\$950.00 minus the \$420.00 previously paid for a two month extension of time) required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0091.

Should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that the fee calculated in the above extension petition is insufficient to have this response considered as being timely filed, this constitutes a petition for extension of time for the minimum period to effect timely filing, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee to said deposit account. This sheet is attached in **duplicate** for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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